

Along Azalea Row

By Mrs. E. F. Rapraeger

A recent public opinion poll showed that city people thought people in country areas were more content. Almost all of the country people agreed with them. One of the most satisfying features of country life is love of soil which comes with the ownership of land. A person does not need a lot of land. A small piece will do just so you can call it home and your own. The love of land brings to mind a story about a peasant man who loved land and finally had all he needed. He lived in one of those strange far-away countries of central Asia where people drink mares milk and speak strange languages. This man owned a small piece of land. He was not rich but he was content until he heard glorious tales of unplowed terrain in the land of the Bashkirs where a man could buy a vast area for a song. So he gathered all his belongings and traveled to the land of the Bashkirs. He was well received by the head man of the village. He could have all the land he needed. All the land he could walk around in one day was his if he would first deposit a certain sum in the village treasury. There was only one stipulation. If he failed to return at sunset to the place at which he started all his money was forfeit. He agreed. At the end of the

next day he would have all the land a man needed.

When the sun crept over the horizon the next morning he started. He travelled a long distance in a straight line. The further he went the better the land became. It was almost noon when he erected a chain of stones and turned the first corner. In mid-afternoon when he turned the second corner. Late in the day he turned the third. His strong sturdy legs were getting tired, his lungs ached and his heart was pounding furiously. His money was at stake so he did not dare stop. The sun was sinking low when he saw the starting place where a group of the Bashkirs were waiting. He collected his waning strength, threw himself forward, and collapsed at the finish line. He had won! Or had he? The head man of the village turned him over. He was dead. How much land does a man need? The Bashkirs dug a grave in the lonely prairie. It was seven feet long and three feet wide. It was all the land he needed.

There is still time to pick blackberries. Last week two of us picked six gallons of Himalaya berries in two hours up the Chetco river. The Himalaya and Evergreen blackberries are two culti-

vated varieties which have gone wild and grow rampant in parts of western Oregon, so rampant in fact that in many places they are considered pests. The Himalaya blackberries are now at their best and the Evergreen blackberries will be at their best in about a week or ten days time. They will continue to bear until the heavy rains of late September.

Blackberries have been the basis of many pleasing recipes from Grandma's day till the present time. They can be used for tasty deserts, jams, jellies, preserves and light wines. Here is a recipe for wine taken from the "JOY OF COOKING". We have not tried it but the writer of the book recommends it.

Mash in a stone jar 20 pounds of blackberries. Add 5 quarts of boiling water. Cover the jar. Permit these ingredients to stand for 3 days. Strain the fruit through a cheesecloth bag. Return the juice to the jar. Add 10 cups of sugar. Cover the jar. Permit these ingredients to stand until fermentation has ceased. Remove the scum. Strain the juice. Bottle it tightly. Seal the bottles with sealing wax.

On the Main Drag

Jake the barber, finding hair cutting strenuous labor.

Did you see the lily parade thru Frenchys view finder.

Mr. Sibleys white bread slowly turning to dark bread.

Orchids to those firemen who deserve medals for their fine service in the face of hazards.

Pete wishing he were twins. Mrs. Molinos furniture suffering some hard knocks.

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